the Chairmanship of Shri M. Narasimham, to examine all aspects relating to the structure, organisation, functions and procedures of the financial system.

[Translation]

Projects from Rajasthan pending clearance

4213. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the projects and schemes proposed by the Government of Rajasthan pending for clearance; and

(b) the action taken by the Government in each case so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) References about various road and bridge schemes from Rajasthan pending with the Government are mentioned below alongwith their position:

(i) 4 schemes for conversion of State Roads into National Highways and 13 schemes to be taken up under the Economic and Inter-State Importance Programme. These proposals can be considered only after the finalisation of the 8th Plan.

(ii) 33 schemes proposed to be finalised against the augmented Central Road Fund. These would be processed after actual augmentation of the Central Road Fund, which has not yet taken place.

(iii) 15 estimates for works on National Highways. These can be taken up only after Demand for Grants has been passed by the Parliament.

[English]

Civil Construction Jobs by Field Gun Factory, Kanpur

4214. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ordnance Factory Board has allowed the Field Gun Factory, Kanpur to carry out large scale civil construction jobs despite Government orders for austerity and economy of expenditure.

(b) whether the Field Gun Factory, Kanpur in the process of such construction, has been felling trees and plants which were planted about two decades ago;

(c) whether civil contracts have been awarded to a party which was earlier blacklisted by the factory management, and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Three trees had to be felled recently to protect the Administrative Building from structural damage.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to (c) above.

Private Sector participation in Defence production and Exports

4215. SHRI MUKUL WASNIK:
SHRI S. B. SINDAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Projects and

Equipment Corporation of India (PEC) has prepared any guideline for the export of defence equipments by the private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and to what extent the private sector has come forward in meeting the defence needs and also exporting the defence equipments;

(c) whether the Government propose to constitute a Board and to formulate a comprehensive policy on the increase role of the private sector in defence production and exports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) and (b) The PEC has not drawn up any special guidelines for the export of defence equipments by the private sector, but its services are available to the private sector manufacturers including those engaged in the manufacture of defence related items. The private sector is involved with the production of non-lethal defence items and is also supplying the Ordance Factories and Public Sector defence production units with components, sub-assemblies and systems that ultimately go into the production of some lethal items. The private sector manufacturers of defence related items already export their products under the normal Export-Import policy guidelines. Exporters in the private sector are free to tie up with defence public sector agencies for the export of equipments manufactured by the latter.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Deposits in branches of Public Sector Banks in Kashmir Valley

4216. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of branches of public sector banks functioning in Kashmir valley, bank-wise;

(b) the number of employees working therein, bank-wise;

(c) the amount deposited in these branches during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91, bank-wise;

(d) whether deposits in these branches have been decreasing;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the Government propose to close these branches; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) Information regarding the number of branches of each public sector banks functioning in the Kashmir Valley as well as the number of employees working in them, as on 30th June, 1991, is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The bank-wise deposits for Kashmir Valley are not available with Reserve Bank of India (RBI). However, the deposits of all scheduled commercial banks in Kashmir Valley as on last Friday of December, 1988, December, 1989 and December, 1990 (latest available) are given below :—

Year ending	Deposits (Rs. in crores)	Percentage Increase
December, 88	700.43	—